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THE HEDGEHOG



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BUNNIE RABBOT,
WILL YOU DO ME
ZE GREAT HONOR
OF BECOMINK
MY WIFE?

OH,
ANTOINE!
AH-AH-AH
WILL!

WHOA...
GO, 'TWAN!

OHMYGOSH!

...DOES THIS
GIVE YOU ANY
IDEAS, SONIC?

NOT
A ONE,
AMY.

BUT IT'S
A NICE BREAK
FROM THE DRAMA
OF EARLIER
TODAY.*

*SEE LAST
ISSUE FOR
FIONA'S
SHOCKING
DEPARTURE.



MAN-O-MAN...WE'VE BEEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND FRIENDS FOREVER. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU TWO GET HITCHED!

YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE FULL OF SURPRISES, SUGAR-HOG!

APPARENTLY!

YOU REALLY NEEDED ME AND AMY TO BACK YOU UP ON THIS...?

SOME T'INGS I AM STILL NOT SO BRAVE ON.

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO MUSTER UP THIS MUCH COURAGE?



WEEKS.

THIS IS SO EXCITING! WE NEED TO GET YOU A DRESS, AND EVERYONE ELSE WILL DRESS NICE, AND OHMYGOSH, WE'RE GOING TO BE SO **GIRL!**

HA-HA-HA! SIMMER DOWN, AMY!

SUGAR-TWAN JUST PROPOSED!

BUT WE WILL NOT BE WAITING LONG, NON?

OF COURSE NOT! NOW, WHERE'S SALLY? MAH BEST FRIEND NEEDS TO KNOW...

"...THAT AH'M
GETTING
MARRIED!"

THANK
YOU AGAIN,
KNUCKLES.
I FELT A LOT
BETTER
SENDING THE
CHAOTIX WITH
MINA.

NOT A
PROBLEM, SALLY.
HER WORLD
TOUR STARTED
OFF FINE.

GOOD! I WAS
WORRIED NACK
MIGHT TRY TO
FINISH HIS OLD
CONTRACT.*

NO NACK,
BUT VECTOR
GOT WIND OF
SOMETHING
ELSE
ENTIRELY.

HAVE
YOU
SEEN
ROUGE
LATELY?

*TO ASSASSINATE
MINA BACK IN
STH # 153.

NO.
WHY?

WORD IS SHE STOLE
THE MASTER EMERALD
FROM ANGEL ISLAND
AND IS SELLING IT TO
THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

WHAT?

THAT DOESN'T
MAKE ANY SENSE.
ROUGE HAS ONLY
WANTED IT FOR
HERSELF.

REGARDLESS, IT'S
TOO MAGICALLY
POWERFUL TO LET
ANYBODY BUY IT.
ESPECIALLY WITH
SO MANY DANGEROUS
FORCES OUT THERE
RIGHT NOW.

HAS
LOCKE
CONTACTED
YOU ABOUT
THIS?

NO,
DAD AND I...
WE AREN'T ON
SPEAKING
TERMS
RIGHT
NOW.

THE CHAOTIX WILL MAKE
SURE THE NEXT LEG OF MINA'S
TOUR GOES ON FINE. I--VECTOR,
STOP LAUGHING AT JULIE-SU--
I'LL BE BACK TO KNOTHOLE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE!



HOLD ON THERE,
KNUX. DO YOU
KNOW WHERE TO
FIND ROUGE?

I GOT A ROUGH
LOCATION, YES.



THEN
YOU STAY
WITH THE
CHAOTIX.

THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
OWE YOU
THIS ONE.



*THE SPAT
WAS BACK IN
5TH #165.

THE MARSHLANDS--
THAT NIGHT...

CRIMENY... YOU
TWO TELL HER YOU'RE
GETTING MARRIED, AND
SHE SENDS US ALL ON
A STING MISSION.

ZAT
EES PART
OF BEING
A FREEDOM
FIGHTER,
NON?

YEAH, BUT IT'S
STILL JUST LIKE
SALLY NOWADAYS.
I MEAN, SHE
HASN'T EVEN BEEN
BACK WITH US
RECENTLY!

NON, SHE HAS
BEEN TRYING TO
RULE ZE LAST HOLD
OF FREEDOM AGAINST
ROBOTNEEK, WHILE HER
FATHAIR IS ALMOST
ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR
HEES LIFE. NEVER MIND
THAT SHE WAS THEENKING
THAT YOU WERE DEAD
FOR A YEAR.

YEAH, WELL,
WE'VE ALL HAD
IT ROUGH
LATELY.

SINCE WHEN
WERE YOU THE
VOICE OF REASON,
'TWAN?

OUI,
WHEECH IS WHY
I AM ZO HAPPY
WE HAVE EACH
OTHER TO RELY
ON.

EET
COMES
WITH
TIME.

...AND MATURITY!

HEY!

I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE, BUNNIE!

WHAT'S THAT, SAL?

ME BEING ON THIS MISSION ... MAKING THE TEAM LIKE THIS... IT WAS SELFISH OF ME.

WHATCHA MEAN? EACH TEAM'S GOT A POWER-PLAYAH AND A TACTICAL MIND.

YEAH, BUT...

DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUNNIE. I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN A PART OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOR A LONG TIME. YOU AND ANTOINE GETTING MARRIED... AND SONIC AND I BEING SO DISTANT NOW ... I'M BEING JEALOUS.

AH'M GLAD YOU SEE IT, SUGAH, BECAUSE AH WAS STARTIN' TO WORRY FOR YA. BUT WE'RE STILL YO' FRIENDS. WE CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU GIVE US A CHANCE.

OH, BUNNIE... RIGHT NOW I REALLY WISH I COULD...

...BUT OUR FIRST GUEST HAS ARRIVED.

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, **NACK**. COME ALONG QUIETLY, AND MAYBE WE CAN FORGET THE CHARGE OF ESCAPING PRISON.

PRINCESS SALLY...

I WAS JUST HIRED FOR RECONNAISSANCE TONIGHT. BUT I'VE BEEN HOPING TO REPAY YOU FOR THAT "LOVE TAP" A WHILE BACK.*

I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO COME QUIETLY, BUNNIE.

*WHILE SALLY WAS KIDNAPPED IN 5TH # 123.

HE'LL COME QUIETLY ENOUGH!

NOT TONIGHT, TOOTS!

BLAM!



SOUNDS LIKE THE FUN'S STARTED FOR THE NIGHT.

OUI! WE HAVE TWO TO DEAL WITH OURSELVES!



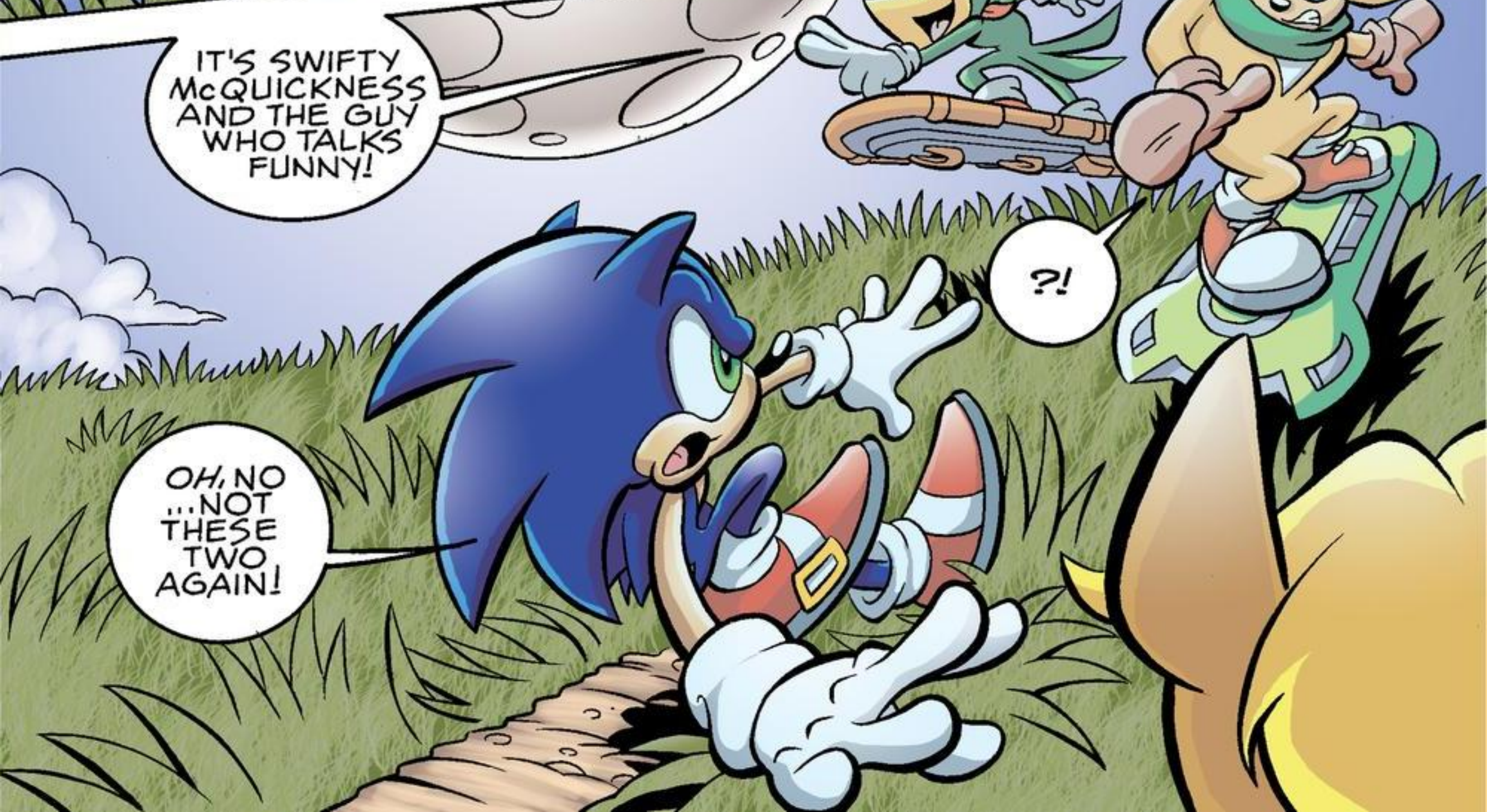
YEAH, BUT... SALLY'S BEEN OUT OF IT FOR SO LONG!

WE MUST HAVE ZE FAITH THAT OUR PRINCESS AND MA FIANCÉE CAN FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

RIGHT.



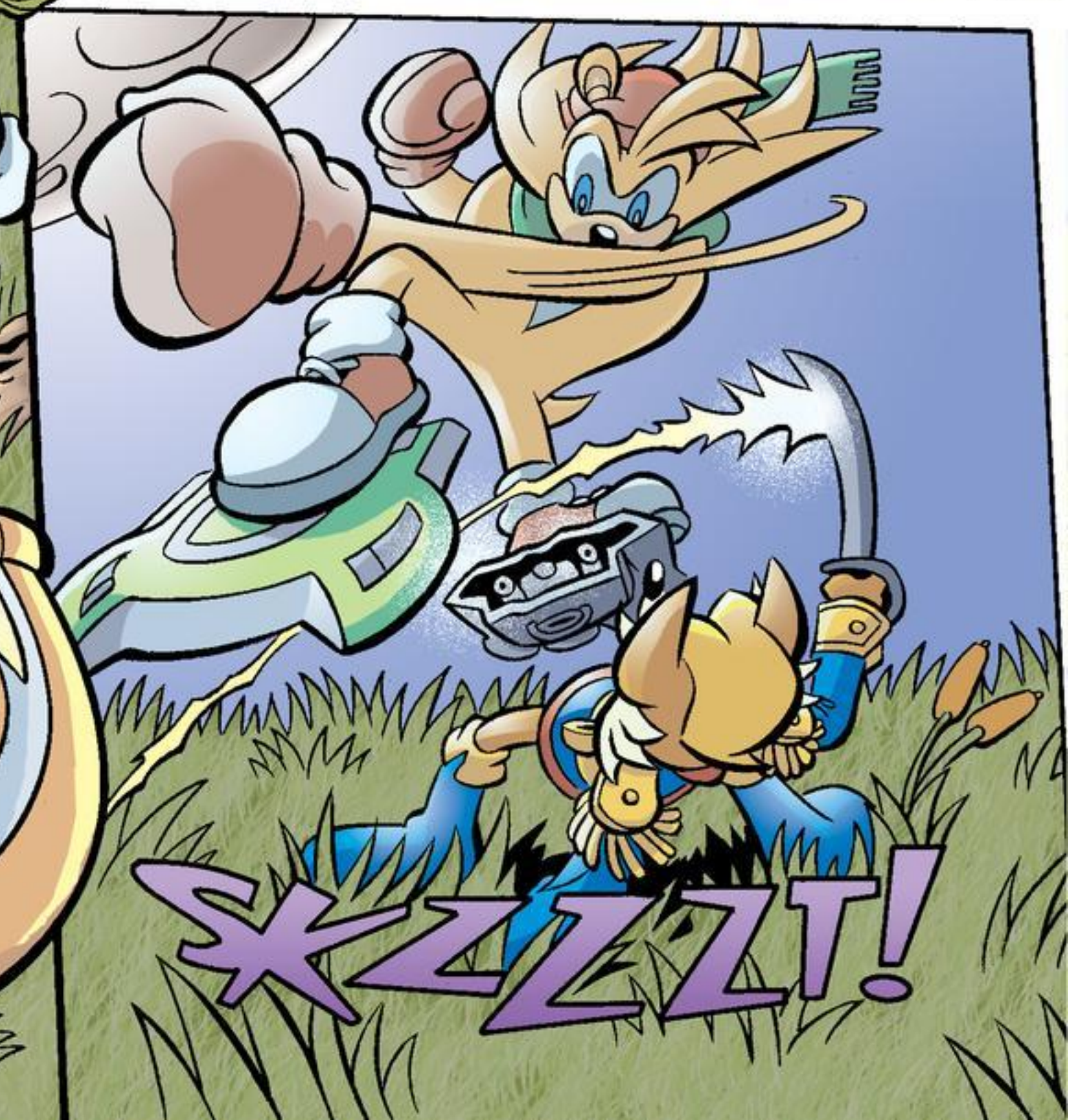
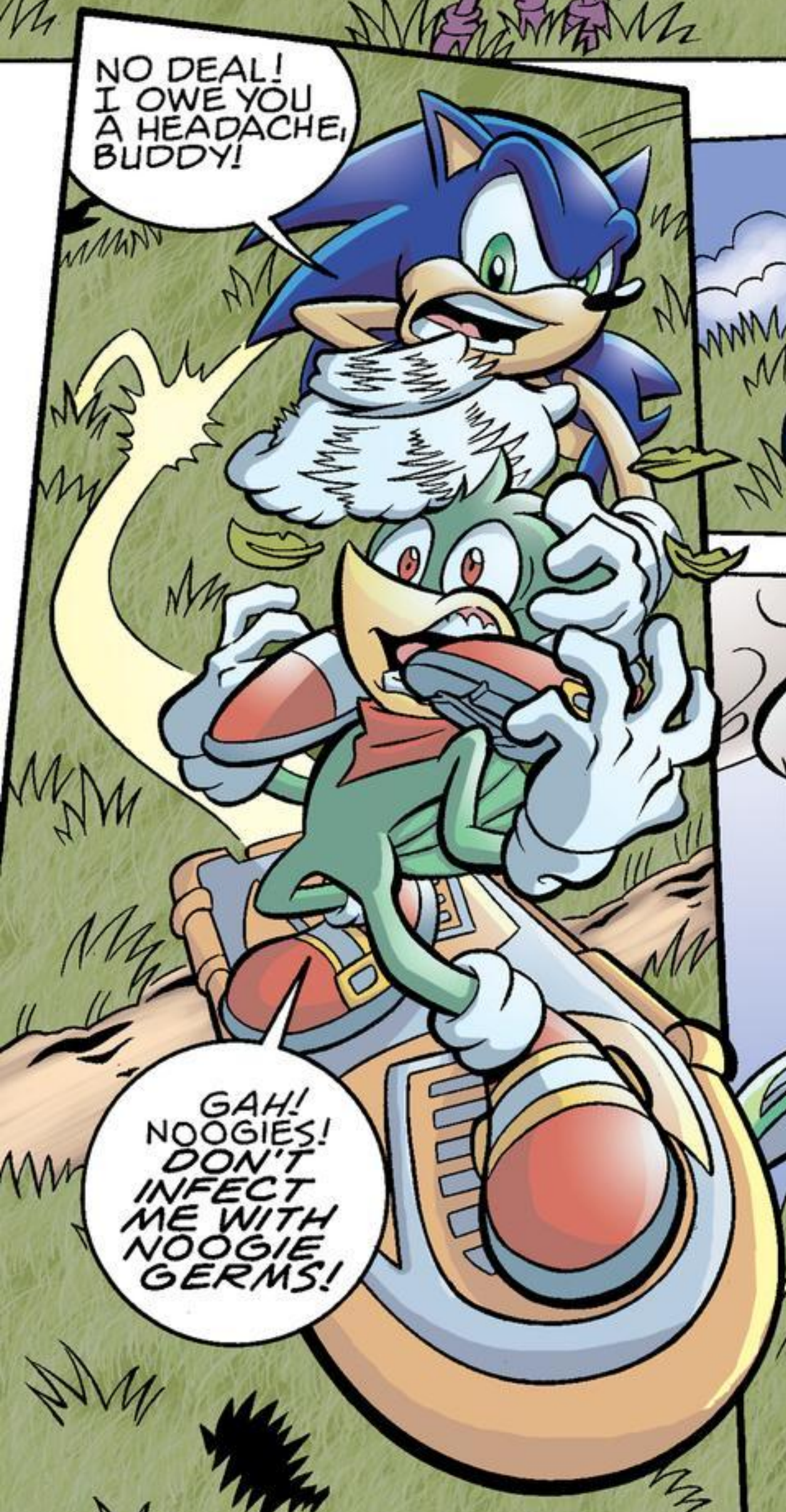
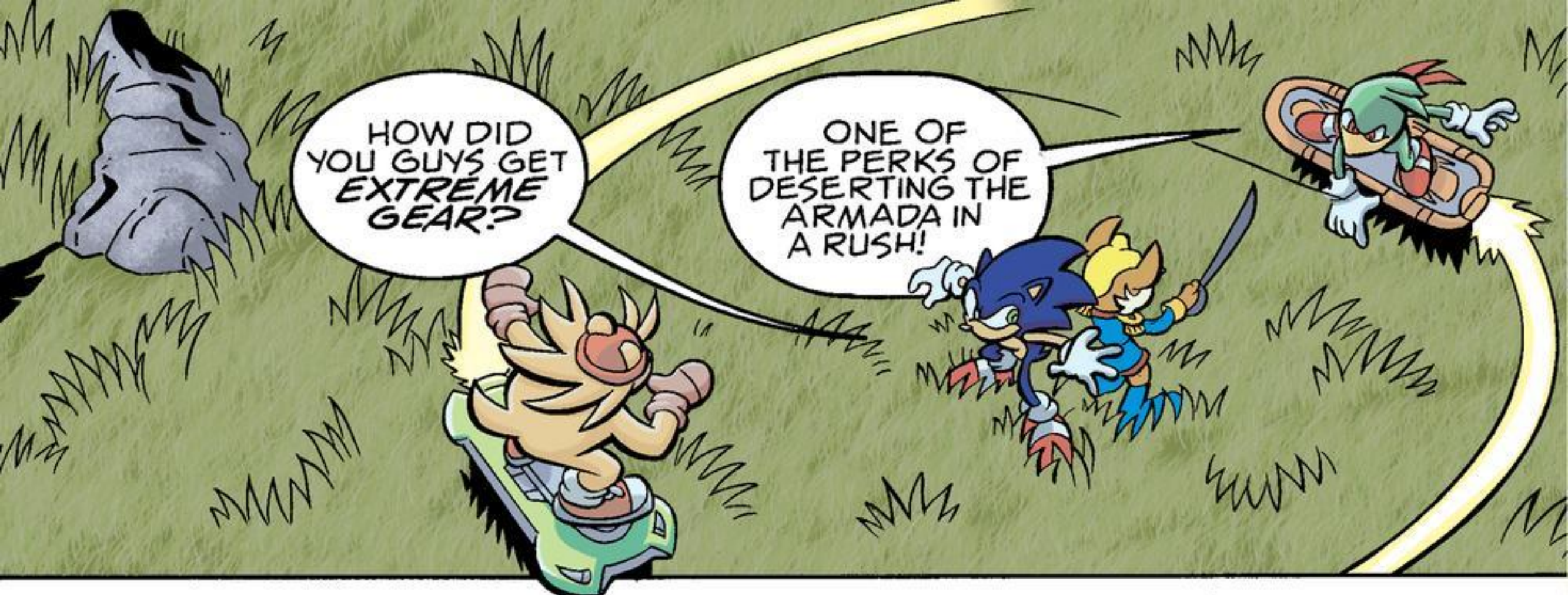
BESIDES, I'M FAST ENOUGH TO WATCH OVER BOTH TEAMS, IF NEED BE.

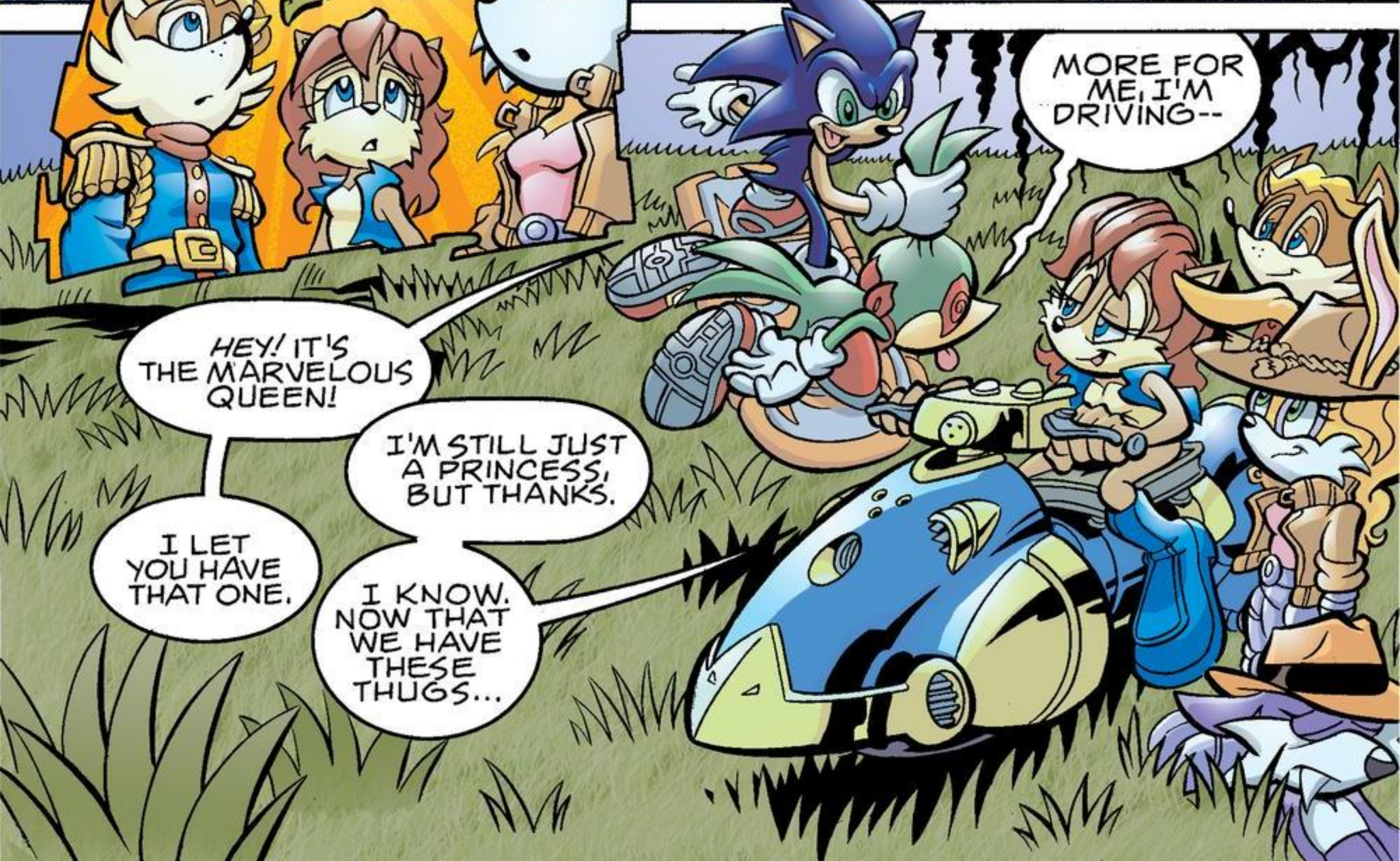


IT'S SWIFTY McQUICKNESS AND THE GUY WHO TALKS FUNNY!

?!

OH, NO ...NOT THESE TWO AGAIN!





LET'S GO
CONFRONT
ROUGE.

JEEZ...I OFFER UP
THE "MASTER EMERALD"
AND THERE ARE NO
TAKERS. WHAT DOES
A GIRL HAVE TO DO TO
GET SOME ATTENTION
THESE DAYS?

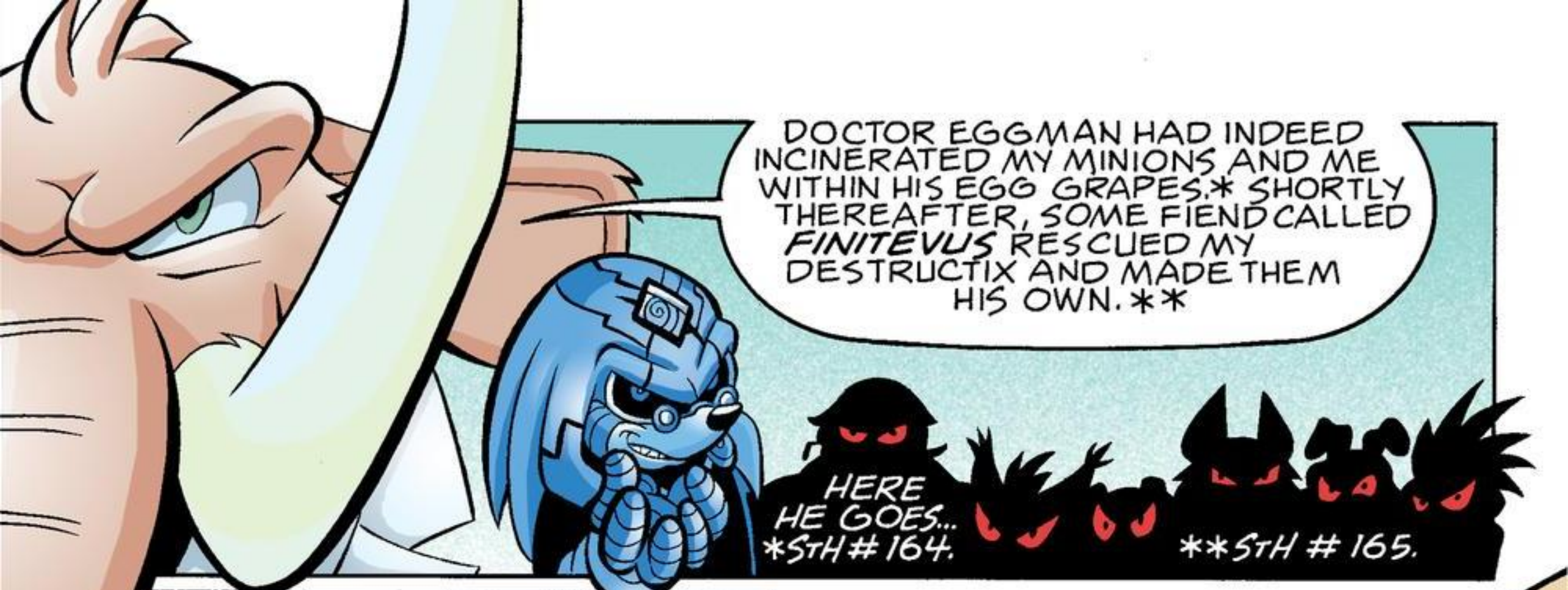
REST
ASSURED,
MADAM...

...YOU AND
YOUR GENEROUS
OFFER HAVE
GONE FAR FROM
UNNOTICED.

HISSESSS...

M-MAMMOTH
MOGUL! I--I WASN'T
EXPECTING SOMEBODY
LIKE YOU! I MEAN--
I THOUGHT YOU WERE--

IMPRISONED?
FOR A TIME,
I WAS...



DOCTOR EGGMAN HAD INDEED INCINERATED MY MINIONS AND ME WITHIN HIS EGG GRAPES.* SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SOME FIEND CALLED *FINITEVUS* RESCUED MY DESTRUCTIX AND MADE THEM HIS OWN.**

HERE HE GOES...
*STH # 164.

**STH # 165.

I HAD TO USE IXIS NAUGUS TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE EGG GRAPES UNTIL WE WERE "RESCUED." THE ENIGMATIC PRESENCE KNOWN AS "ANONYMOUS" RELEASED US AS DECOYS AND STOLE MY PRECIOUS CHAOS EMERALD, THUS LIMITING MY POWER.***



THE EXPERIENCE HAS LEFT ME POWER-STARVED AND NAUGUS... MY LOYAL SERVANT... IS LITTLE MORE THAN ANIMAL NOW.

HISSSSS...

*** STH # 168. WE THINK HE'S DONE.



BUT NOW, WITH THIS PRECIOUS GEMSTONE, MY POWER WILL NOT ONLY BE RESTORED, BUT ENHANCED TO A DEGREE THAT--

I TAKE IT BACK--BEAN'S A LOT EASIER TO LISTEN TO,



SONIC!

HEY, MOGUL. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE AS UGLY AS EVER.

YOU ARE A FOOL TO CHALLENGE ME, HEDGEHOG. NAUGUS MAY HAVE LOST HIS MIND AND ELEMENTAL MAGIC, BUT HE HAS SOMEHOW GAINED THE POWER TO SHADOW-MELD, APPEARING ANYWHERE BEFORE YOU CAN--!

FIFTY RINGS SAYS HE TRIES TO POP OUT RIGHT BEHIND US.

PROLLI.

SMACK!

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PROLLI.

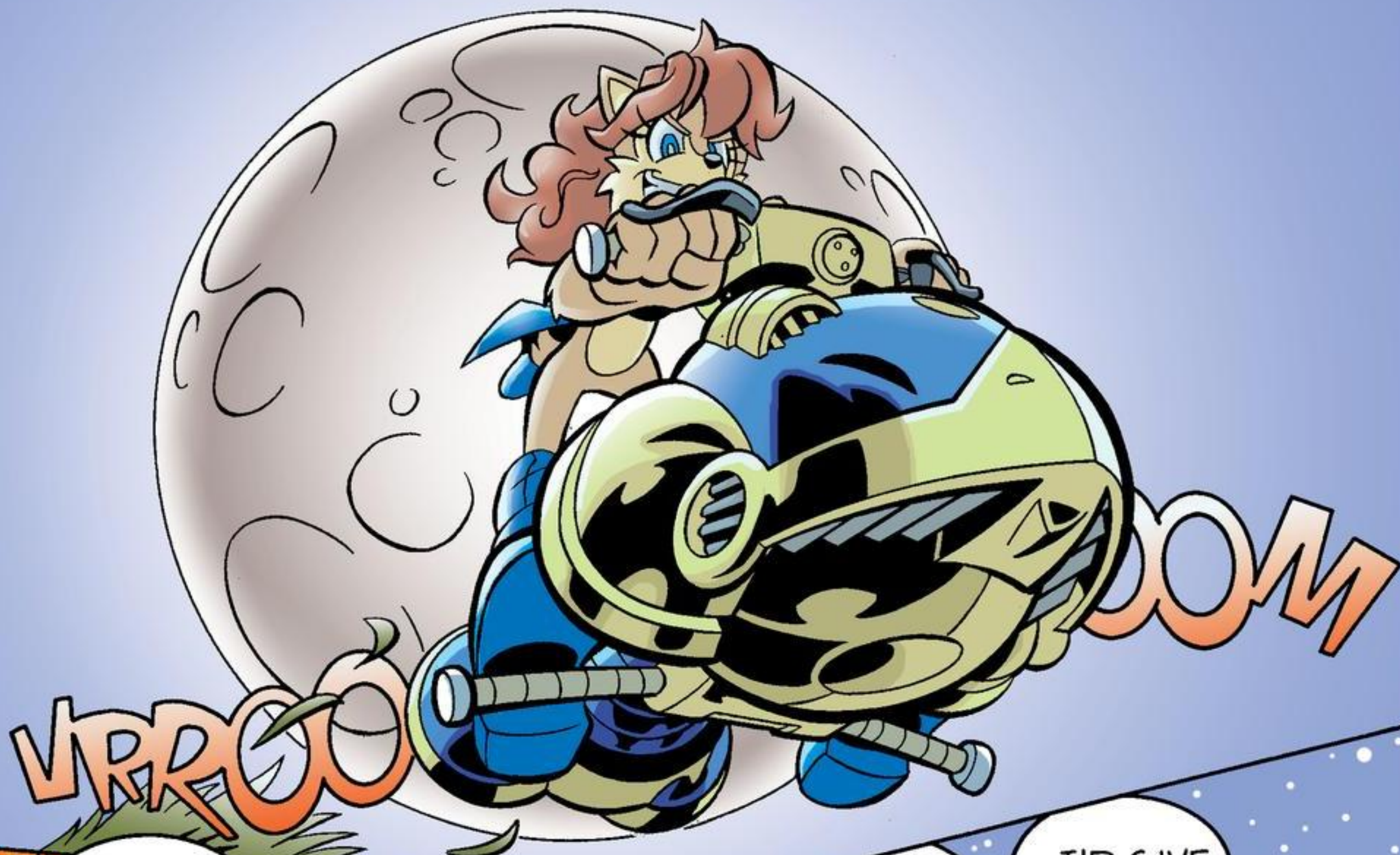
SMACK!

DO YOU WANT TO GET ANTOINE FOR THIS?

NAH. HE CAN FINISH TYIN' UP THE OTHERS WITH SALLY.

DO YOU WANT TO GET ANTOINE FOR THIS?

NAH. HE CAN FINISH TYIN' UP THE OTHERS WITH SALLY.



YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT
TO REMAIN
SILENT!

WHAM!

NOW
THAT IS AN
ENTRANCE.

I'D GIVE
IT A TEN.

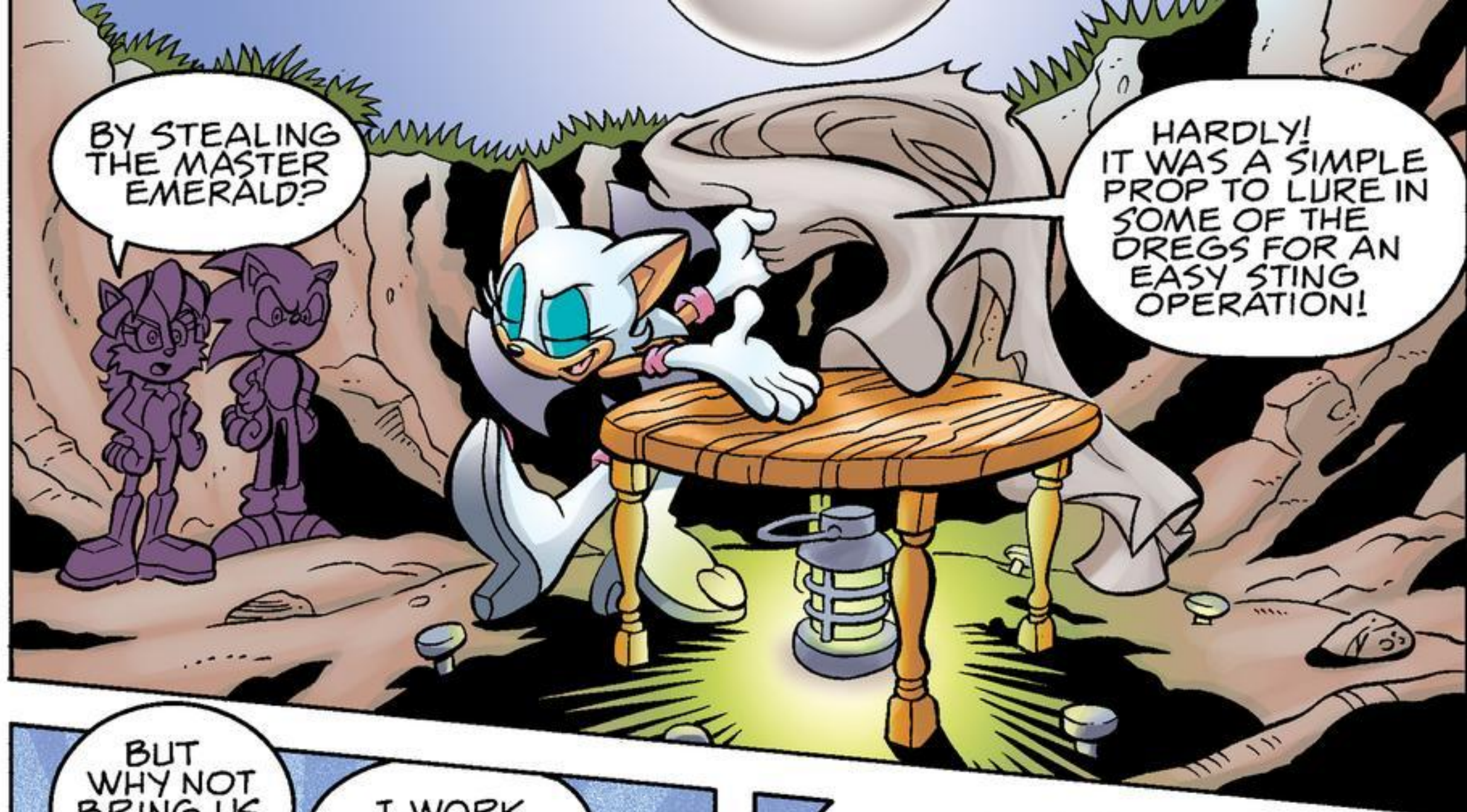
THANK
YOU, THANK
YOU. BUNNIE,
LET ANTOINE
KNOW WE'LL
NEED MORE
ROPE.

HA-HA-HA!
WILL DO,
SALLY!

FIVE
DOWN...

...ONE
TO GO.

WHAT?
NOW, HOLD ON.
I'M ON YOUR
SIDE IN ALL
THIS.



BY STEALING
THE MASTER
EMERALD?

HARDLY!
IT WAS A SIMPLE
PROP TO LURE IN
SOME OF THE
DREGS FOR AN
EASY STING
OPERATION!



BUT
WHY NOT
BRING US
IN ON
THIS?

I WORK
BEST ALONE,
PRINCESS.

THEN
WHY DO
THIS FOR
US AT
ALL?

IT
WASN'T
FOR YOU
AT ALL...



...I DID IT FOR
KNUCKLES. I WANTED
TO SHOW HIM THAT I
CAN BE A GOOD GIRL
AND PLAY BY THE
RULES.

AND YOU DIDN'T THINK
HE MIGHT BE A *LITTLE*
ANGRY AT THE THOUGHT
THAT YOU STOLE THE
MASTER EMERALD AND
DROPPED HIS HOMELAND
INTO THE OCEAN?



HE STRIKES ME
AS THE KIND OF GUY
WHO LETS THE ENDS
JUSTIFY THE MEANS.
BESIDES, NO HARM--
NO FOUL, RIGHT?
LET'S CLEAN UP
THIS MESS AND
HEAD BACK
HOME.

SHORTLY
THEREAFTER...

SONIC...
MA PRINCESS...
WE WERE
WONDERING...

IF Y'ALL WOULD
BE BEST MAN AND
MAID OF HONOR
FOR OUR
WEDDING?

WHOA!
SWEET!

OF
COURSE!

AND I'M LONG
OVERDUE IN
SAYING CON-
GRATULATIONS
TO YOU BOTH!

DON'T YOU
GIVE IT A
SECOND
THOUGHT,
SALLY-GIRL.
WE KNOW
YOU'VE HAD
A LOT ON
YER MIND
LATELY.

WE'VE TAKEN DOWN
SOME OF THE MOST
DANGEROUS ROGUES
ON MOBIUS. WE'RE
STILL A TEAM OF
FRIENDS AND
LOVERS.

THE FUTURE
LOOKS BRIGHT,
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

SWEET
ENOUGH TO ROT YOUR
TEETH, AREN'T THEY?
CAN WE GO NOW?

YEAH, WE'VE FILLED OUR
MUSHY QUOTA. LET'S JUICE
IT BACK HOME, GANG!

HAVE THEY
REPORTED
IN YET?



I'M AFRAID NOT, SIR. BEAN, BARK, AND NACK MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

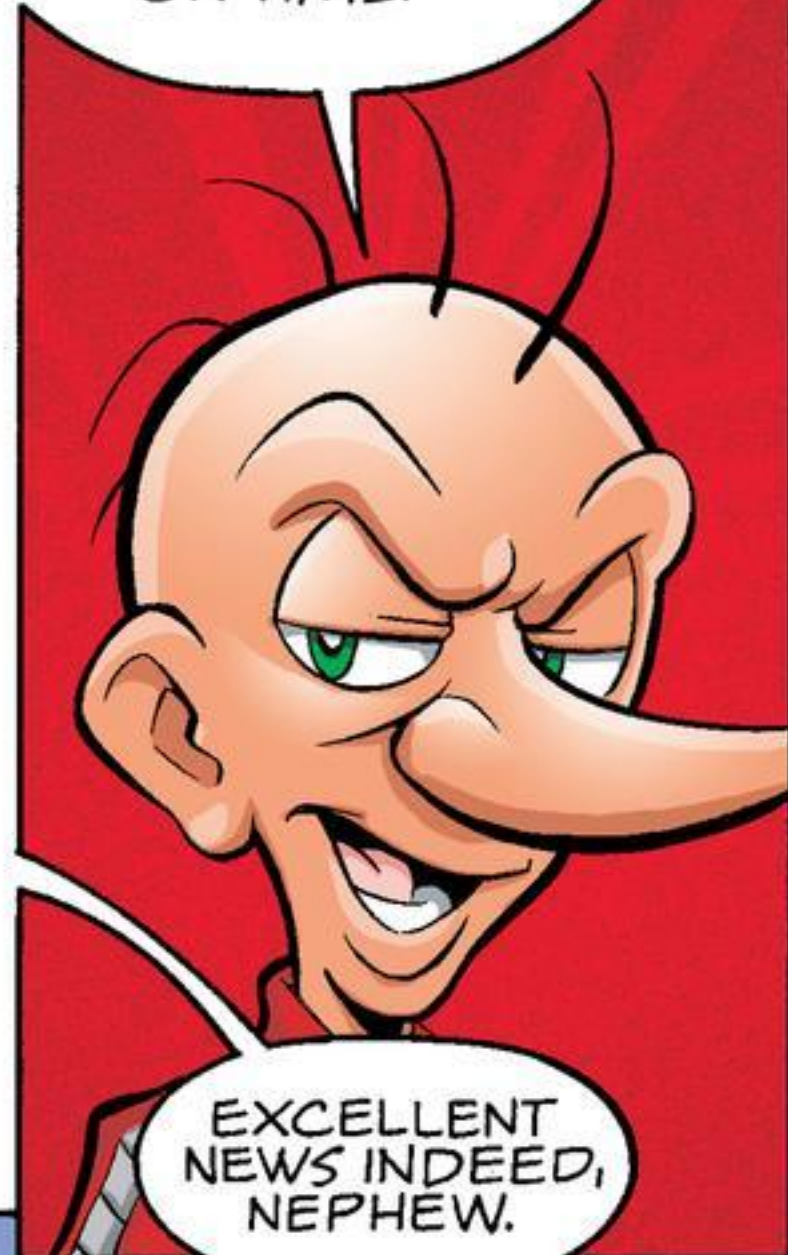


OF COURSE THEY WERE, SNIVELY. I KNEW THAT MASTER EMERALD PLOY HAD TO BE A TRICK.

AND YOU HIRED THEM *JUST TO BE CERTAIN.*

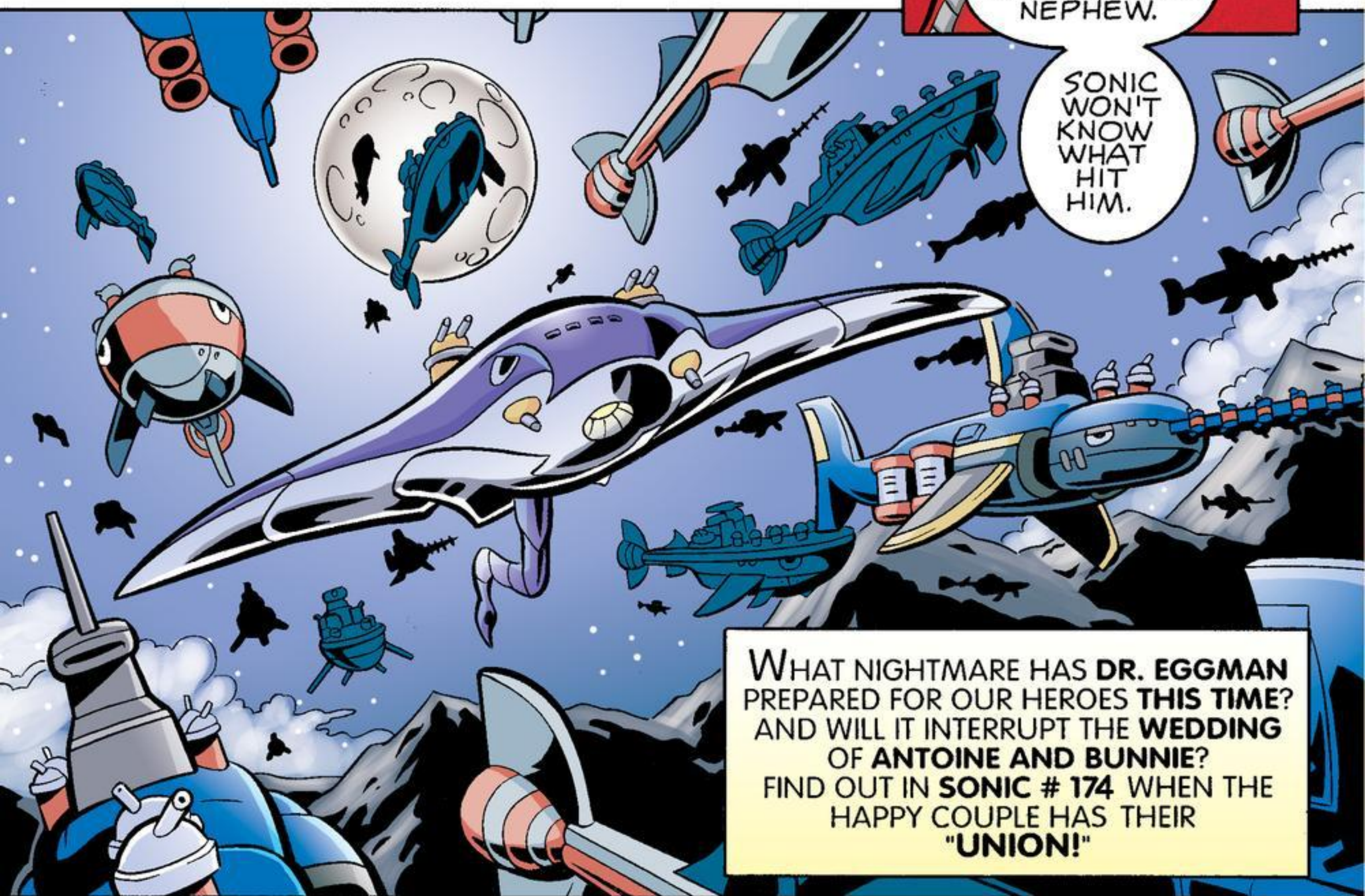
NATURALLY.

THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS, HOWEVER. PRODUCTION OF THE FLEET HAS BEEN FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND YOUR PARTICULAR PROJECT WILL BE FINISHED RIGHT ON TIME.



EXCELLENT NEWS INDEED, NEPHEW.

SONIC WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.



WHAT NIGHTMARE HAS DR. EGGMAN PREPARED FOR OUR HEROES THIS TIME? AND WILL IT INTERRUPT THE WEDDING OF ANTOINE AND BUNNIE? FIND OUT IN **SONIC # 174** WHEN THE HAPPY COUPLE HAS THEIR "UNION!"



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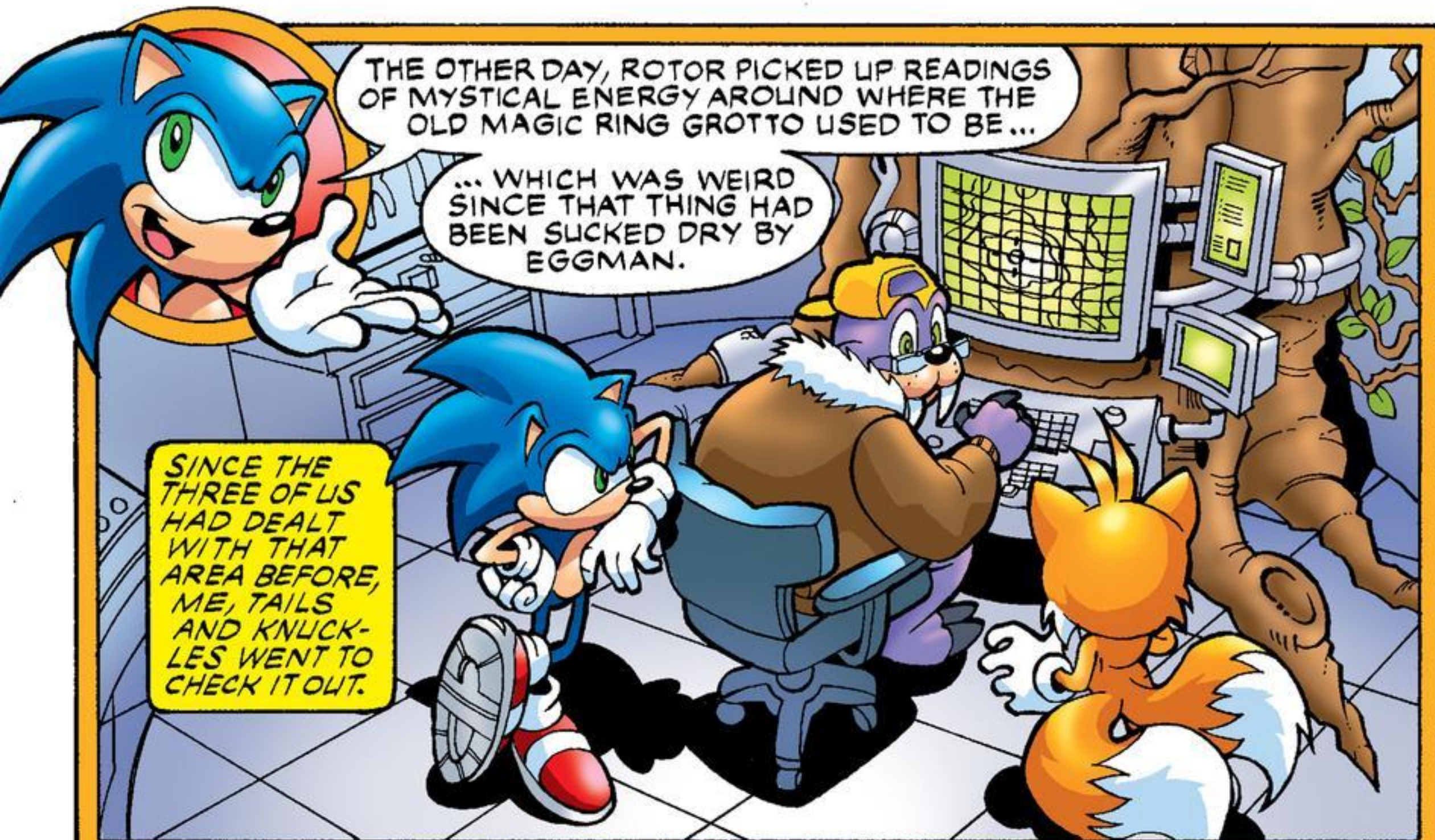
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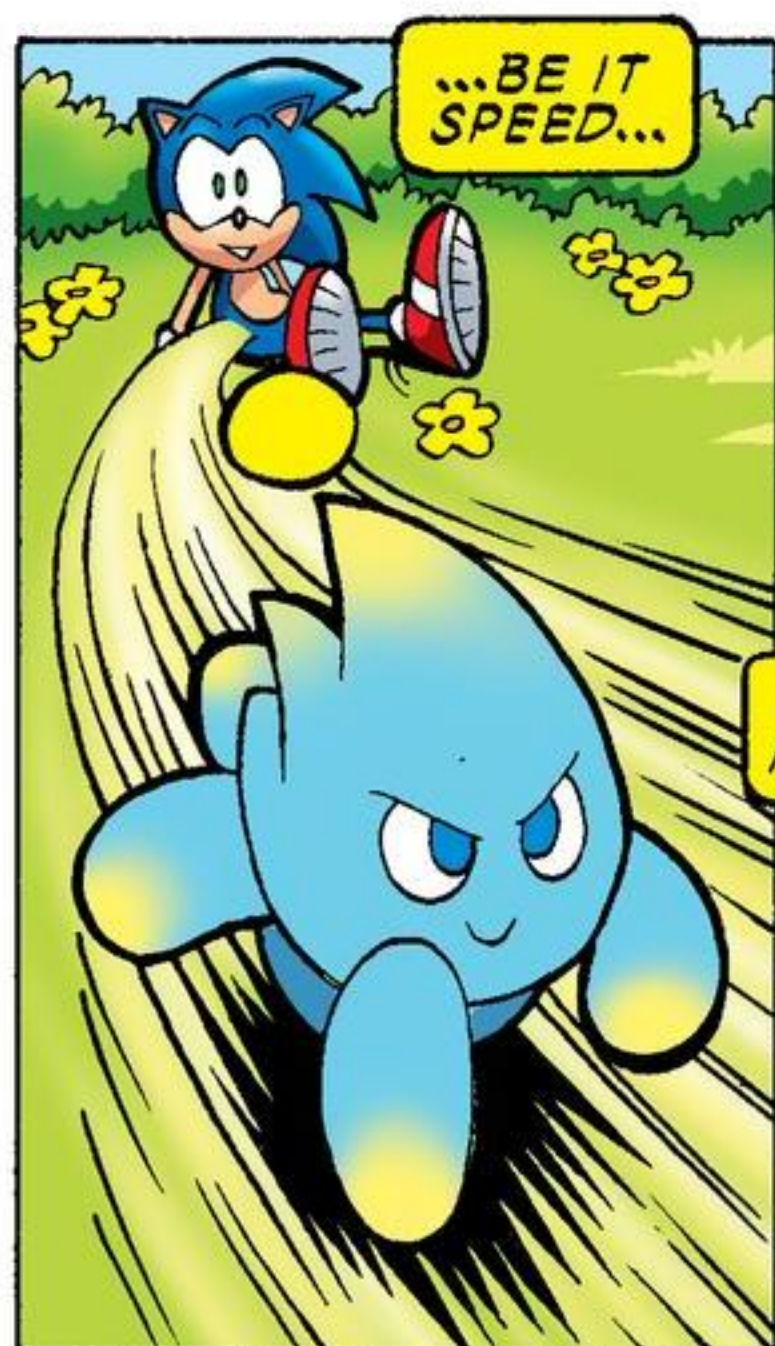
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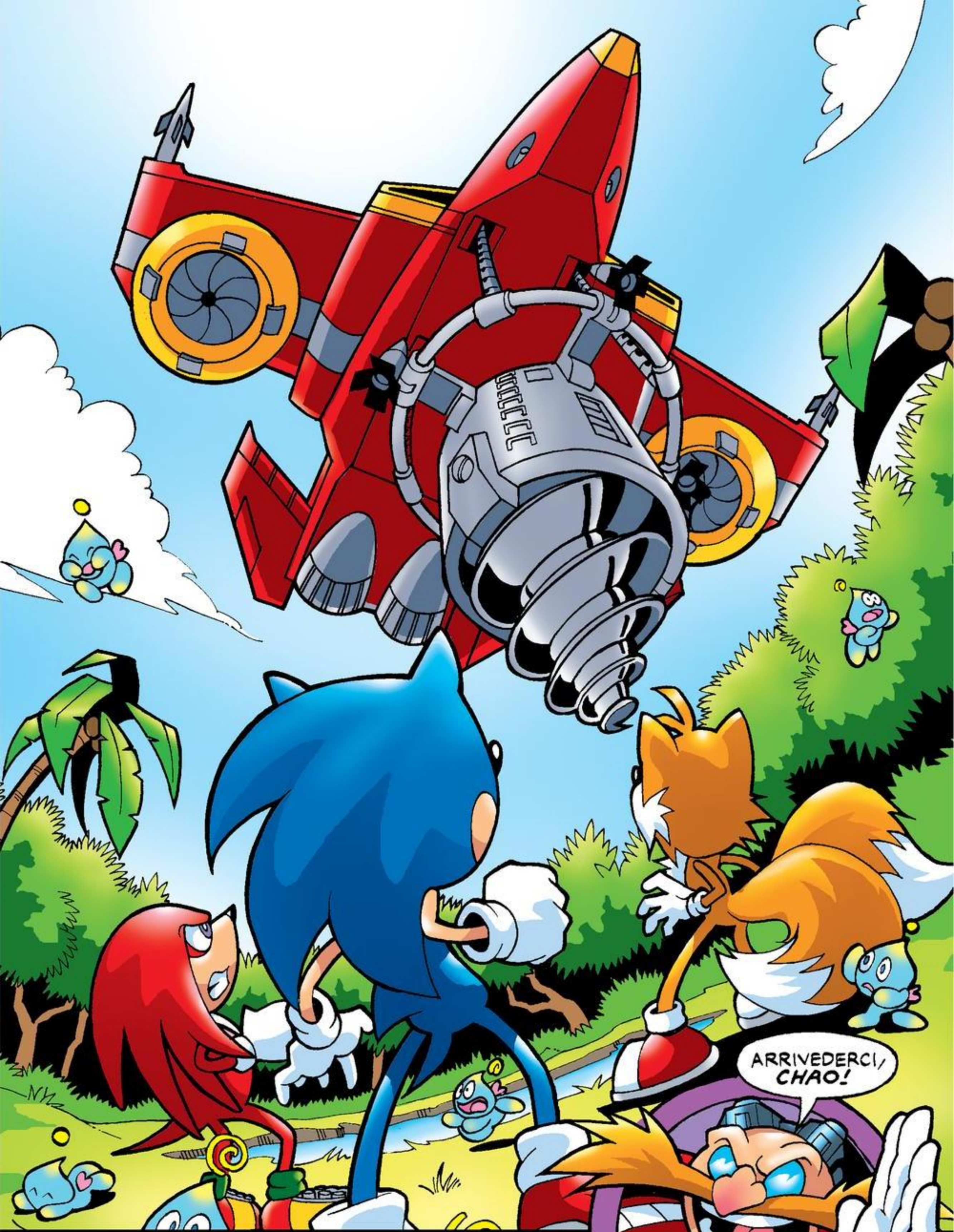


TRY NOT TO GET INTO A FIGHT THIS TIME / OKAY GUYS?









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